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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Ken deGraffenraid
National Security Council

FROM:

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Chief, Management and Liaison Staff, DDA/OC

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SUBJECT: Draft National Policy on Telecommunications and
Automated Systems Security (C)

1. The responsibility for reviewing the subject proposed NSDD and representing the DCI at the February 17 meeting was delegated to the Director of Communications by the DDCI. We attempted but were unable to arrange an informal meeting with you to discuss areas of concern within the Agency which are:

a. The letter of transmittal from the NSC states that "it is intended that the machinery established by the NSDD would initially focus on those automated systems which are connected to telecommunications systems." The body of the proposed NSDD does not follow this statement of intent and is all inclusive for "automated information systems which create, prepare, or manipulate information in electronic form for purposes other than telecommunications, and includes computers, word processing systems and associated equipment." (emphasis added) (C)

b. The proposed NSDD does not accurately recognize the DCI's statutory responsibilities and authorities. Encroachments include: (1) the development of consolidated resources and budget which could both dilute the DCI's responsibilities regarding formulation of the NFIP and impact Intelligence Community priorities; (2) the proposed NSDD implies that the Director, NSA will take sole responsibility for assessing and disseminating hostile threat information, thereby removing related analytical missions of the CIA, FBI and DIA; and (3) a requirement that the DCI "coordinate unique requirements pertaining to the protection of intelligence sources and methods" with the Steering Group, the NTISSC and the Director, NSA. (C)

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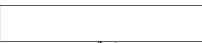
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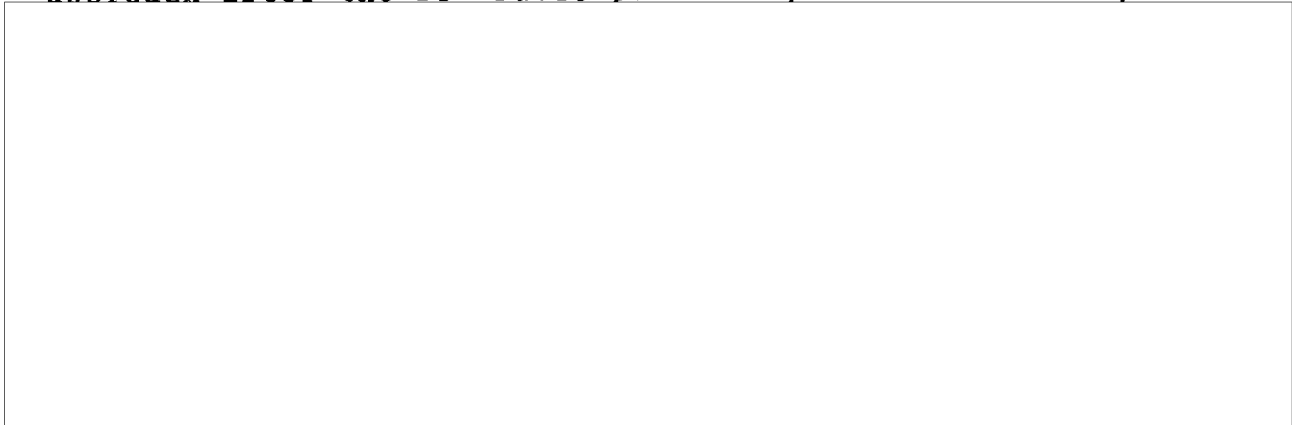
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e. Under  there is an inter-agency mechanism for publishing coordinated national policy and standards. Under the proposed NSDD this responsibility is delegated to the Director, NSA, and there is no mechanism for coordination. (C)

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2. Although there is philosophical agreement that separate NSDD's for computer security and for communications security might leave gaps in the protection of automated information systems as the technologies of the two disciplines' converge, we are concerned about the feasibility of managing a consolidated effort, particularly in view of the expanded scope of the proposed NSDD. We would prefer an NSDD that addresses the communications security issue only, with a separate or consolidated approach after the Dr. Davis panel completes their study. (C)

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